

DAVIS' NECK IS NEARING NOOSE

Murder of Mona Bell Charged to Her Paramour--Husband Whom She Deserted for Worthless Character Now Claims Body of Once Beautiful Girl

(Special to the Bonanza.)

RHYOLITE, Jan. 4.—Fred Davis was today charged by a coroner's jury with the murder of the woman who was shot to death in the early hours yesterday morning. Davis now denies his guilt, and claims that Mona Bell killed herself. This would be an impossibility, as some of the bullet wounds were in the back. When the crowd broke into the room, the place looked like a shambles. Mona Bell was lying on the floor in a pool of blood, and her life blood had formed several streams, running in various directions.

When Davis ran from the scene of the crime, a crowd quickly gathered about him, and he was taken in charge by Deputy Sheriff Casey. He had repeated the cry that he wanted to confess, but soon after this he changed his tune, and declared that the woman had killed herself. Davis was seen, as he ran, to throw something away into a shaft, and this morning the object was found, and proved to be his revolver, and the revolver had five shells in it which had been discharged. There is no doubt in the mind of the public that Davis has wound up a career of crime with murder. There was no doubt of this in the minds of the men who sat on the coroner's jury at the inquest today, for their verdict was that the dead girl had been shot by Davis.

The crime of Davis is attributed to jealousy. He was said to be crazy over the woman, and although a "bad" man, was soft where she was concerned. He loved her wildly in his way, and had some thought that she was going to leave him for another, as she had left her husband a year ago for him. For it develop-

ed today that Mona Bell had a husband. He is living in Fallon, and a telegram was received here from him asking that the body be held until he could reach here and take possession of it. His wishes will be respected.

Mona Bell seems to have had a varied career, according to those who know anything of her. She was but twenty years of age, pretty, slight, and of a beautiful figure. She could be sweet and well disposed on occasions, but the devil's light shone in her eye and was in her soul. She was faithful and constant to Davis up to the time of her death, or at least a little before it. When he was sent to jail in Tonopah, she went to Manhattan to rustle the money for his fine. And it is said she came back with it, although there was money came from the wife of the scoundrel, who was living in Colorado. Presumably the money the girl got in Manhattan was that which was stolen from Miner Cable, for the loss of which he killed himself.

The body of the dead courtesan will be embalmed and kept until the arrival of her husband from Fallon,

and Judge Kalaher has announced that the hearing of the case will take place on Monday, when District Attorney McCarran will be here.

The principals in the Rhyolite murder are remembered here, although their stay was short. They were both in the county jail pending their hearing by the Grand Jury. The woman was no more than a girl, although it was evident that she had become hardened by the life that she had led with her paramour. She was very pretty and clever to a marked degree, but the night life had already hardened her pretty face. It was told of her that she had gone the alcoholic pace, and that she had a temper when under the influence of liquor.

Davis gave the name of Frank E. Skinner, and had a wife in Longmont, Colorado, from where he received the money from her to pay his fine imposed for his assault on Judge Chambers of Manhattan. This, it is said, was not the name by which his wife was addressed when the money was sent for. He gave as his occupation an electrician, but if he ever worked at his trade, no one ever knew of it in this country. He had been a gambler all along, and is of the class who live off the earnings of the fallen woman. He had some claim to being a tinhorn prize fighter, but those who know him best, declare that he is not a man of real nerve. He was infatuated with the woman, whom he stole from her husband, and she seemed to be equally in love with him.

Behind the whole ugly affair shines out the real and unselfish love of a real man, the husband of the misguided woman. Like "Osler Joe," he comes to her when all the world has cast her aside. The love that was once his, he may have hoped to recover, and it is evident that he had never forgotten her. Now all that is left to him is the inanimate clay, and he is going to Rhyolite to claim it for his own. At least, no man can take that from him.

District Attorney Pat McCarran will leave for Rhyolite today, and the inquest will be held tomorrow, while all the witnesses are available.

ARREST FOUR MORE BANKERS

**COLORADO STATE BANK WILL
PAY TWENTY-FIVE CENTS
ON DOLLAR.**

(By Associated Press.)

DURANGO, Colo., Jan. 4.—Following the report of Owen Boyle, receiver of the defunct Colorado State Bank, which was filed in the district court today, warrants were sworn out charging Benjamin Freeman, president, Frank Eldredge, Evan Hampton, W. C. Chapman, directors, for having received deposits when they knew the bank to be insolvent. The arrested men gave bonds for their appearance at their trials. According to Receiver Boyle's report, the Colorado State Bank will be able to pay its depositors only twenty-five cents on the dollar at an outside estimate.

WALSH IN HARD LUCK.

(By Associated Press.)

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 4.—John Walsh, a pedestrian, who is walking from San Francisco to New York on a wager of \$5000, left the Johnstown hospital today, where he had been ill with pneumonia since December 23d. Walsh left San Francisco on October 21 in an attempt to make the trip in ninety days.

DYNAMITE BASEMENT OF BANK

**NARROW ESCAPE FROM GREAT
DISASTER IN KANSAS
CITY.**

(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—The consensus of expert opinion tonight is that the explosion in the beautiful marble building of the First National Bank here this afternoon was caused by dynamite, or some other high explosive. A piece of pipe, believed to have been part of a bomb, was found late today in the wrecked basement. A motive is lacking, but the bank officials and the police incline to the belief that the explosion was either the work of a crank, or that the bomb was secreted in the basement by would-be robbers for future use, and that it was touched off prematurely. No arrests have been made and the police are without a definite clue. The loss is placed at \$10,000, and is confined almost entirely to the basement. Ten people were injured, but none fatally hurt, and the injuries of only two are considered serious.

SURGEON GETS SHIP "RELIEF"

**HOSPITAL BOAT WILL BE MAN-
NED BY MERCHANT CREW
AND MASTER.**

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Acting under orders from the President, Secretary Metcalf today signed orders assigning Surgeon Charles F. Stokes to command of the hospital ship Relief, which is being fitted out at the Mare Island Navy Yard with a full hospital equipment for special duty with the battleship fleet. Arrangements are being made for securing a merchant crew and master. The Secretary was asked about the reports that there were not adequate funds available for fitting out the ship as intended, but his reply to this inquiry was that the Department would not cross that bridge until it was reached.

STANFORD IS DEFEATED.

(By Associated Press.)

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 4.—The locals defeated the Stanford University team this afternoon in the international Rugby football game, the score being 12 to 3. California was outplayed throughout the game. The home team showed unexpected good form.

POLICEMAN SLAIN; ASSASSIN KILLED

**Desperate Duel With Thugs
on Oakland Thoroughfare
in Which Officer is Shot
and Desperado Done to
Death With His Own Gun**

(Associated Press.)

OAKLAND, Jan. 4.—While attempting to arrest two supposed burglars in the Southern Pacific station at Seventh and Wood streets this afternoon, Policeman J. J. Fenton was shot and instantly killed in the struggle. His assailant, who gave the name of F. S. Boyle, was in turn shot with his own gun and wounded by J. S. Shiell, a barber, who went to the policeman's assistance. Boyle died on the operating table in the hospital. The second desperado escaped, leaving behind a grip containing \$600 in postage stamps and a letter addressed to Campbell, Santa Clara county, Cal. The postoffice at Campbell was burglarized and the safe blown about two weeks ago.

The police believe that Boyle and the man who escaped were the ones responsible for the postoffice robbery.

ALLEGED INTERVIEW DENIED BY AOKI

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Viscount S. Aoki, Japanese Ambassador to Washington, who arrived in San Francisco last night, en route to Tokio, in an interview with the Associated Press tonight, denied the statement attributed to him in an alleged interview last night, in which he was quoted as saying: "Japan is restricting emigration of laborers to this country, and will continue to do so," and "that it would be regarded as offensive to the dignity of Japan for this country to pass an exclusion law or endeavor to embody the subject in a treaty."

"Such a statement did not emanate from me," emphatically declared the Ambassador in the German language, with which he is more familiar than English. "I did not talk to any newspaper men last night, nor did I authorize any one to speak for me, much less make such a statement."

Aoki talked at length upon various topics, but declined to discuss the question in general, or to comment upon the transfer of the battle-

cruising ground and was reported to be in the vicinity of Hawaii.

A luncheon was given at the St. Francis hotel this afternoon by the trustees of the local Chamber of Commerce, at which Viscount Aoki, Consul General Chozo Kioke, and Vice Consul K. Matsubara were the guests of honor. The United States was represented by United States District Attorney Robert Devlin. Tonight Aoki and his wife, who before her marriage was a German baroness, were entertained at dinner at the home of Consul General Kioke. Tomorrow afternoon, Aoki will hold a reception for the Japanese residents of San Francisco and the surrounding bay cities. He sails for Japan on Tuesday on the steamer Manchuria.

DYNAMITE DOES DEADLY WORK

**TWO MEN KILLED AND EIGHT
INJURED BY AN EX-
PLOSION.**

(By Associated Press.)

SPRAGUE, Wash., Jan. 4.—Two laborers were killed, and eight badly injured by a dynamite explosion in the construction camp of the Portland and Seattle railroad, twenty-five miles south of Sprague yesterday. The men, who were all Bulgarians, were thawing dynamite in the kitchen range.

ON AGAIN, THEN OFF AGAIN

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The stock market today had the appearance of being whipped into activity by artificial means, owing to the extreme irregularity and inconstancy of movements. Upward and downward fluctuations were constant and there were opposing currents in movement at all times. Bonds were firm.

PETTIBONE FREE; MOYER RELEASED

(By Associated Press.)

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—The end of the prosecution of the men charged with the murder of ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg, with the exception of the cases of Harry Orchard and Jack Simpkins, came today with the acquittal of George A. Pettibone. Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was formally released this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and will return with Pettibone in a few days to Denver.

The case of Orchard, the self-confessed assassin of Steunenberg, is in the hands of Prosecuting Attorney Van Duhn of Canyon county. No statement as to the future procedure in that case has been made. Simpkins, a member of the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, who is charged with complicity in the crime, is a fugitive from justice, and the charge against him will stand.

Looks Now Like Wife Murder

(By Associated Press.)

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 4.—An important discovery, which the police state will enable them to name the slayer of Mrs. Lena Whitmore, whose husband, Theodore Whitmore, is now held in custody pending further investigation of the crime, was made today when all the jewelry of the dead woman was found in the safe of Harry S. Radin, a saloon keeper, in Brooklyn. Radin said that Whitmore gave him a box containing the jewelry several days after the body of the woman was found in the Harrison pond. Whitmore had previously told the police that his wife had worn all her jewels when she left home Christmas afternoon. Radin informed the police that Whitmore told him that he wanted a safe place to keep the jewels until his wife returned. Whitmore, who is held as a suspect, was subjected to a searching examination. He broke down and cried earlier in the day when told that he would probably be arraigned later.

MUNCIE UNDER MARTIAL LAW

**ALL EVIDENCE OF RIOT CEASES
WITH COMING OF THE
SOLDIERS.**

(By Associated Press.)

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 4.—With a proclamation from Governor Hanly declaring martial law and 600 State troops camped in the heart of the city, the citizens of Muncie tonight are quiet and peaceable. The riotous outbreaks of the past three days have given way to a normal existence so far as violence is concerned, although the city is far from normal in the business and industrial sense. With the arrival of the troops before daybreak this morning all evidence of mob rule passed away and not one arrest made today had any connection with the strike situation.

COMMISSION MAKES REPORT TO TEDDY

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The report of the situation in Goldfield, Nevada, has been made to the President by the members of the special commission sent there to investigate conditions. As a result of the report, the President has dispatched a letter to Governor Sparks of Nevada. When the letter has had time to reach the governor, it is the intention to make its contents public at the White House. It is stated that this letter will set forth the situation as reported by the commission.

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